

Data Sheet

USAID Mission:	Tajikistan
Program Title:	Democratic Culture and Institutions
Pillar:	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
Strategic Objective:	119-0211
Status:	Continuing
Planned FY 2005 Obligation:	\$3,475,000 FSA
Prior Year Unobligated:	\$1,776,000 FSA
Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:	\$4,600,000 FSA
Year of Initial Obligation:	2001
Estimated Year of Final Obligation:	2007

Summary: USAID's democracy efforts create stronger and more sustainable civic organizations; increase the availability of information on civic rights and domestic public issues; enhance opportunities for citizen participation in governance; and develop more effective, responsive, and accountable public institutions.

Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

FY 2005 Program: Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$763,000 FSA, \$315,000 FSA carryover). USAID will advise the Central Government on local government laws and build local government capacity to provide basic services in seven pilot areas, and possibly some village clusters, potentially affecting 375,000 residents. Principal contractor/grantee: Urban Institute (prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$342,000 FSA carryover). The political party program, which will finish in March 2005, will train all political parties to participate in the February parliamentary elections. Following the elections, USAID will solicit a new political party program. Principal contractors/grantees: International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) (prime), National Association of Political Scientists of Tajikistan (NAPST) (sub).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,558,000 FSA, \$1,014,000 FSA carryover). USAID will build the institutional capacity of a local Network of Civil Society Support Centers (CSSCs). The advocacy program will target professional membership associations and special interest groups. The civic education project will expand to 450 new schools. USAID will continue to provide limited support to Parliament to make it function better and become more transparent. Principal contractors/grantees: International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (prime), IFES (prime), International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) (sub), Social Impact (sub), Partners for Democratic Change (sub).

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$620,000 FSA, \$105,000 FSA carryover). USAID will provide media with production grants, programming, and business management training, and promote a supportive enabling environment and freedom of speech. Principal contractors/grantees: Internews Network (prime), Adil Soz (prime), International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) (sub), Khoma Tajikistan (sub), National Association of Independent Media of Tajikistan (NANSMIT) (sub).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$534,000 FSA). The legal reform program will build practical skills for law students through moot courts, mock trials, and Street Law, a course on human rights or other substantive area, and law clinics. A new anti-trafficking in persons (TIP) program will focus on prevention (through public education), prosecution (through draft laws and prosecutor training), and victim protection (through repatriation aid and vocational training). Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) (sub), and TBD (prime).

FY 2006 Program: Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$844,000 FSA). USAID will advise the Central Government on local government laws and build local government capacity by rolling out successful local service delivery practices to new cities and local governments beyond the pilot region. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Support Democratic Political Parties (\$369,000 FSA). USAID will continue assistance to political parties. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,472,000 FSA). As USAID's civil society programs end in FY 2006, the emphasis of the program will shift to civic advocacy. USAID will continue, at a reduced level, institution-building of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through direct funding of a Network of CSSCs, assuming it is capable of managing donor funds on its own. The civic education program will end this year with integration of the course into the curriculum. IFES's small parliamentary assistance program will end in FY 2006. USAID will competitively solicit a new follow-on agreement to support transparency and improved procedures within Parliament. Principal contractor/grantee: TBD (prime).

Establish and Ensure Media Freedom and Freedom of Information (\$621,000 FSA). USAID will facilitate media training, provide production grants and programming, and support local freedom of speech advocacy. Principal contractors/grantees: Internews Network (prime), ICFJ (sub), Khoma Tajikistan (sub), NANSMIT (sub), and Adil Soz (prime).

Protect Human Rights and Equal Access to Justice (\$1,294,000 FSA). The legal reform program will focus on program sustainability, continuing the human rights (or other substantive area) course, moot court, mock trials, and Street Law programs. TIP activities will focus on prevention, prosecution, and victim protection. Principal contractors/grantees: Freedom House (prime), ABA/CEELI (sub), and TBD (prime).

Performance and Results: This was a mixed year for democratic reforms in Tajikistan. The Executive continued to diminish the role of the former opposition, and tax authorities closed down a private printing press which published three independent newspapers. NANSMIT reported numerous cases of the denial of access to information. New election code amendments paved the way for potentially free and fair parliamentary elections in February, 2005, and USAID's training to political parties has improved platform development and citizen outreach. USAID successfully promoted policies for increased local government authorities, and improved judicial integrity through trainings for judges and passage of a new Ethics Code. USAID supported 15 community-based advocacy campaigns by local NGOs, significantly expanded its civic education program to 124 new schools, and launched public awareness campaigns on the dangers of trafficking in persons. By program's end, there will be: stronger and more sustainable civic organizations; increased availability of information on civic rights and domestic public issues; greater opportunities for citizen participation in governance; and more effective, responsive, and accountable public institutions.

US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Tajikistan

119-0211 Democratic Culture and Institutions	ESF	FSA
Through September 30, 2003		
Obligations	0	8,598
Expenditures	0	3,754
Unliquidated	0	4,844
Fiscal Year 2004		
Obligations	315	5,483
Expenditures	218	3,951
Through September 30, 2004		
Obligations	315	14,081
Expenditures	218	7,705
Unliquidated	97	6,376
Prior Year Unobligated Funds		
Obligations	0	1,776
Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA		
Obligations	0	3,475
Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005		
Obligations	0	5,251
Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA		
Obligations	0	4,600
Future Obligations	0	5,520
Est. Total Cost	315	29,452